

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended better to distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. More particularly, the claim has been revised to specify that the concave-convex portion has a specific continuous and regular shape containing fine concaves and convexes continuously provided at a predetermined pitch of not more than the wavelength of light. This characterization of the concave-convex portion is clearly supported by the application, particularly the first three figure sets and the related discussion in the specification.

A two-way requirement for restriction, applicants' election of article claims with traverse, and the withdrawal of process claims 8 to 11 are acknowledged.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 12 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Maekawa '176, if applied to the claims as amended, is respectfully traversed.

Maekawa '176 shows an anti-glare film having fine particle diameter plastic beads present in a light transparent resin. There is a significant (and patentable) difference between the configuration shown in Fig. 1 of Maekawa '176 and the structure disclosed and claimed here. The reference does not teach or

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suggest a concave-convex portion with a specific continuous and regular shape continuously provided in a predetermined pitch of not more than the wavelength of light; the surface of the Maekawa '176 article clearly is irregular and the claims patentably define thereover. The "specific continuous and regular shape" is provided by using devices such as a mold; see the discussion at the top of page 4 of the specification and the non-elected process claims.

The rejection of claims 3 to 5 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Maekawa '176 in view of Ota et al. '438 is also respectfully traversed. The secondary reference is cited to show various features of the dependent claims. Although applicants appreciate the detail provided by the Examiner in justification of the rejection, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3 to 5 patentably define over the references for the same reasons that claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 12 discussed above are patentable. The rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner is thanked for acknowledging receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

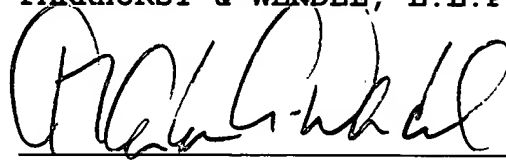
In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 to 7 and 12 are patentable and a USPTO paper to those ends is earnestly solicited.

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If the only barrier to allowance is the presence of non-elected claims 8 to 11, the Examiner is authorized to cancel those claims for that express purpose. Should other changes be required, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned.

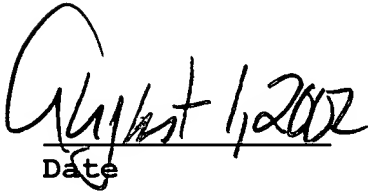
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(Amended)

1. An antireflection film comprising:
a transparent layer formed of a cured product of an ionizing radiation-curable resin composition; and
a concave-convex portion provided on one side of the transparent layer,
the concave-convex portion having a specific continuous and regular shape comprising fine concaves and convexes continuously provided at a predetermined pitch of not more than the wavelength of light.